



Welcome back, we hope this message finds you well and that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. It's been wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school, all of whom have returned with big smiles, ready to learn and engage. Their enthusiasm sets the tone for what promises to be a busy and rewarding term ahead.

We have a packed schedule, beginning with an exciting trip to Wembley Stadium—a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to explore and broaden their horizons. We'll also reflect on the success of last term's enriching trips to Oxford Prison, Pizza Express, and Hill End. These experiences play a vital role in making learning come alive, offering hands-on activities that tie in with our curriculum. As always, the term will conclude with our End of Term Celebration Assembly. This event is a special time to recognise the achievements and growth of all our pupils, celebrating their hard work and dedication.

This term, we are focusing on our core value of **High Expectations**. At Northern House Academy, we believe that holding high expectations empowers our pupils to reach their full potential. Whether in their academic work or personal development, we encourage every child to aim high and take pride in their efforts.

Lastly, we'd like to highlight the importance of attendance. Being in school every day is crucial—not only for academic success but also for building friendships and developing key life skills. Your continued support in ensuring regular attendance is greatly appreciated. **Mr Stevens and Mrs Holmes**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Friday 15th November**

Children in Need - Non uniform day

### **Monday 25th November**

Parents Evening - Face to Face Meetings

### **Friday 29th November**

Whole School Pantomime Trip

### **Monday 2nd December**

Parents Evening - Online Meetings

### **Wednesday 11th December**

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

### **Friday 20th December**

Celebration Assembly 10.00am & End of Term at 1.00pm



## OPEN AFTERNOON

Our Open Afternoon was a huge success this year, thank you to all the parents, carers and friends of NHA who turned out to show support to the students and take time to look at the beautiful class displays in the hall. It was a great opportunity to show some of the hard work the students have been putting in this term and speak with their class teachers. We hope you all had a great time!

## PHOTO PERMISSIONS AND CONSENT FORMS

A massive thank you to parents for completing photo permissions and trip consent forms. We have a huge amount of wonderful trips and special events coming up for our students to enjoy so if you still haven't managed to get your forms in, then please try to find the time ASAP so your child can participate and you can see on instagram [@nha\\_oxford](https://www.instagram.com/nha_oxford)



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**MISS CLARKE**

### THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT WORKER

What does your day look like?

My days at Northern House are always busy and rewarding. I work throughout the school, spending a lot of time in Guggenheim, our breakout space, where I get to know some great characters! Together with an amazing team, I help ensure the children feel settled, safe, and supported, making sure each day is a positive and enjoyable experience for them.

Why do you enjoy working at NHA?

Things can get really busy here, with so much going on each day that we just jump right in and get to work. But when I pause to reflect at the end of the day, I always leave with a big smile on my face. I love being part of Northern House—the energy, the lively personalities, and the joy of seeing our children grow and succeed make it all so worthwhile!

What are your hobbies and interests?

When I leave work I enjoy boxing training, sauna, swimming and spending time with my family.

Student Question (asked by Shaylan) - Do you have a pet?

I have a dog called Lexi.

Student Question (asked by Jasper) - Are you working in a class?

I am based in Guggenheim, in the main building, and support all of the students and classes across the school.

## HELPFUL LINKS - HOME LEARNING

Learning and fun never stops so we have put together some fab resources for you to share with your child at home:

The Oak Academy - across all curriculum areas, ages and stages The Oak Academy is a great one stop resource free to access for your children at home.

Maths - TT Rockstars; Numbots and Hit the Button - for times table and further practise across number operations, please check out (please ask your child's teacher for their log in).

Literacy and Phonics Practise - Oxford Owl and Ruth Miskin - for further free and engaging learning resources. You can easily sign up through the links above or follow the guidance available on our website...happy e-learning!

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT



If you need to contact schools transport about your child's taxi their number is 01865 323795 and their email address is

EE-SpecialEducationalNeedsITU@oxfordshire.gov.uk

## SCHOOL DINNERS

We have a range of tasty hot meals, or school packed lunches available for students. Alternatively, students can bring their own packed lunches too.

Here is a link to our

## WEEKLY MENU

## FUNDRAISING

### Ox Trail - Sobell House

NHA really came together and wow did we raise a lot of money for Sobell House. An astounding £336 was raised. Thank you everyone for all your efforts and hard work!

### 'Wear Red Day 2024'

NHA students enjoyed dressing up in red on Friday 18th October in support of showing racism the red card. It is the 10th anniversary of 'Wear Red Day' and students could wear anything red to support a worthy cause. All money raised will go to 'New Idea School' in Cambodia.

